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Prison Reforms Committee
escorting female prisoners from
or Sub-jail to another.

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To

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D.C's of Districts
I.G. of Police.

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Manual – Volume I (1940 Edition) and in
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The Prisons Reforms Committee recommend that the escorting of females prison from one prison or sub-jail to another should not be left to be carried out by the Police alone and that there should in every case be a female escort. (Chap III. Para 39).

Rule H-36 of our jail Manual wh is identical ~~with~~ in language with rule H-7 of the Madras jail Manual (1915 edn) does not make it obligatory to provide a female escort escort in every case where a femal prisoner is in transit. It provides that "wh a females prisoner is transferred, a female warder shall if possible accompany her"

The I.G. of Prisons agrees with the recommendations of the Committee and suggests that rule H-36 may be so amended to make such escort compulsory, the main ~~recommend~~ responsibility for the safe custody of the prisoners remaining on the Police as at present.

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is respect. In Bengal however it is specifically provided that female prisoners in transit shall invariably be accompanied by a female warder"! (Rule 870 of the Bengal Jail Manual). The recommendations of the Committee perhaps is based on the sound principle that it is undesirable to allow females prisoners to be left exclusively in the charge of male warders while in transit. It may perhaps be approved, Rule 436 of our Manual being amended on the lines suggested by the I. G. of Prisons.

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R. 436 of our Jail Manual may be amended on the same line as R. 870 of the Bengal Jail Manual.

The suggestion of the D.G. of Prisons may be approved.

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for Secretary to Government,
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To--The Inspector General of ~~Police~~ Prisons in Mysore,
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